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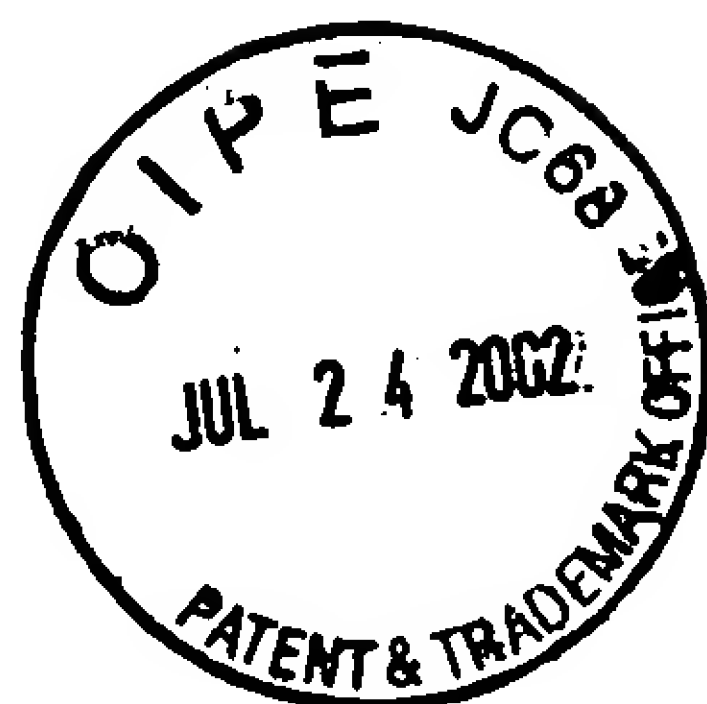
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For: MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR THE
REGENERATION OF PLANTS FROM
CULTURED PLANT TISSUE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 3, 2002, please enter the following remarks.


REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims into three groups: Group I (claims 1-12 and 52-56), drawn to compositions; Group II (claims 13-20) drawn to methods of affecting plant growth; and Group III (claims 21-51) drawn to a plant cell culture technique. Applicants elect the invention of Group I with traverse.

The Examiner is correct that the compositions of Group I can be used in both of the methods of Group II and the techniques of Group III. Applicants note, however, that the methods and techniques of Groups II and III are closely related to growth or regeneration of plant tissue. In view of the relatedness of the methods, it would not represent an undue burden on the Office to examine all of the claims in one application. In view of the relatedness of the subject matter of Groups II and III, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

It is believe this response does not require the payment of any fees. If this is incorrect, please deduct the appropriate fee from deposit account 07-1969.

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